

NOAA NWS CONTINUES RED FLAG WARNING FOR L.A. COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA CITIES & UNINCORPORATED AREA COMMUNITIES

**Red Flag Warning started on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 (6 a.m.) PDT
and will remain in effect until Thursday, June 20, 2013 (10 a.m.) PDT**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) Los Angeles/Oxnard office announced it is continuing the Red Flag Warning for the mountains of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties in regards to forecasted gusty winds and low relative humidity conditions.

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At 2:50 p.m. on June 19, 2013, NOAA NWS announced that winds are forecasted between 20-35 miles per hour (mph) with gusts up to 50 mph near the Interstate 5 Corridor during the overnight and morning hours.

Precautionary Preparedness Actions:

- A NOAA NWS Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are expected. This in combination with very dry fuels could create extreme fire danger and/or fire behavior.
- Los Angeles County Operational Area residents living in brush areas are reminded to take appropriate precautions. These precautions include the following:

Report any sign of smoke immediately to your local fire department by dialing 9-1-1 (If dialing 9-1-1 from your cellular phone, know your location). Use extreme caution when operating spark or flame-producing machinery in brush areas.

If living in a hazardous grass or brush area, have a Wildfire Action Plan in place. Be familiar with the Los Angeles County Fire Department's READY! SET! GO! This program provides important pre-planning and evacuation information to residents. Visit www.fire.lacounty.gov for more information.

For disaster/emergency preparedness information, please go to <http://lacoa.org> and <http://espfocus.org>.

Sources: NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard office – <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/>

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